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We do not remember days; we remember moments.

(Cesare Pavese, The Burning Brand)

Volunteers help plant flowers at ISD

By John Kahn

Lawrence North High School Volunteers

Kevin O'Connell, a Lawrence North High School student, wished to organize a volunteer group to help with our campus grounds. We decided to clean up and prepare flowerbeds. The flowerbeds in front and on the east side of Caskey and four flowerbeds in front of Fair Hall were selected. On Wednesday, April 22, Danny Cooper, Ed Jones, and myself went to Brehob Nursery to select the flowers. When we arrived at Brehob Nursery, we found 340 acres of trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers. We were quite overwhelmed; we were not sure what flowers we wanted. Luckily, we met Cathy in the perennial greenhouse that took time to help us with our selections.

On Saturday, April 25, Danny, Ed, and myself greeted Kevin and the volunteers from Craig Middle School at 9:00 a.m. The volunteers were teacher Jolie Terwilliger, Adam Newman, Alyson Strapulos, Kylie Turner, Dana Robinson, Janna Van Zee, Elaine Carey, Kaelynn Smith, David Wong, Bryce Odell, and Molly Beeson.

We planted different sizes and colors of flowers around Caskey and we added cedar mulch.

We started on the flowerbeds in front of Fair Hall when the volunteers had to leave. Danny, Ed, and myself finished cleaning up, planting, and adding mulch to three flowerbeds during the rain showers. The flowerbed next to the Deaf of Boys' office was finished the following Monday.

I wish to thank those volunteers for giving up part of their Saturday to help us beautify our campus.

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Looking Back...

by Melba Rippus

When I was in high school in the 1960s, there was a girls' club for high school girls. We had a clubroom with a lot of windows in the basement in the old girls' dorm. After school, we girls always went to the clubroom to mingle or talk girls' talk or study or play games such as ping pong, chess, checkers, etc... One day I saw a squirrel walk to an open window and peek into the room. I happened to munch chips at that time, so I immediately went over and handed it a few pieces of chips. Good enough - it munched and waited for more. So I gave it a little more. From then on I started to feed it until it became so fat that my friends called me a "squirrel lady."

Last Monday (May 4, 1998 - thirty-seven years later!), a young squirrel came to me when I walked by the old girls' dorm after lunch! A quick thought came into my mind wondering whether that young squirrel might be a descendent of that fat 1960s squirrel! I happened to have a bag of pretzels with me, so I opened the bag and threw him a few pieces of pretzels. Someday I want to hand-feed that young squirrel to bring back good memories!

Bethann in Brown Cafeteria, I hope you don't mind my bringing bags of pretzels for the squirrels! ☺

Deaf-Blind facilitator needed

by Kathleen Robertson

We are searching for someone to assist a student at the Indiana School for the Blind in achieving her individualized goals and objectives. Work would focus on enhancing her ASL and written English skills and her independent living skills. The time commitment would (preferably) be for the duration of this school year and during the 1998-99 school year.

We need someone who not only possesses excellent ASL skills, but who can also enhance someone else's skills while teaching skills and concepts. The person would need to be flexible with regard to schedule and hours, and must be willing to transport the student as needed. The facilitator must be able to work independently. Very good attendance will be expected.

If you (or someone you know) can fill the needs above, please contact Kathleen Robertson (317) 920-6282 or Catherine Rahn (317)920-6281.

Bowlers needed

by Pam Lewis

Is there anyone interested in joining a bowling league for next fall at Western Bowl on Thursday evenings? The league starts either August 20th or 27th at 5:45 p.m. Western Bowl is located just west of I-465 on West Washington St. There are two Deaf teams on the league (mine being one of them); however, I need 3-4 new players. Each team consists of either 3 males and 2 females or 3 females and 2 males. There is a total of 22 teams in the league. Call Pam Lewis at 924-8419 (ext. 419) or stop by my office in Alumni Hall, Room 227, if you are interested.

Congratulations, Mandy Mueller!

From the Interpreting Services Office

Mandy Mueller, ISD interpreter, recently passed the second part of her national certification examination. She now holds the Certificate of Transliteration (CT) and the Certificate of Interpretation (CI) from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Way to go, Mandy!

Keep your eye on the Jobs Skills Training Center Students!

by Becky Smith

Recently, the 7th and 8th grade Jobs Skills Training Center (JSTC) classes took several fieldtrips. They observed and interviewed various workers in the community. The students found out what kinds of skills are required to be successful in different jobs and observed positive behaviors workers must have in order to keep their jobs.

The students also visited the Flower and Patio Show at the State Fairgrounds. They identified many different companies providing many different services, technologies, and tools to anyone interested in any aspect of gardening and horticulture. The students learned a lot and had fun in the process!

All semester, JSTC students have been learning how to take care of plants. They have been taking care of plants in many people's offices. Some plants have been sick, and we have learned what to do with them, but most have been healthy. Thanks to Mr. Thixton, we learned how to grow new baby spider plants. After the plants took root and we were sure they were strong, we decorated the pots with ribbon and colored paper. We then took them to Coventry Village and donated them to our deaf friends who live there.

Look outside the JSTC classroom sometime and you will see more of the students' hard work. Our student teacher, Grace Wilken-Yoder helped the students mail-order a garden from a nursery. When it arrived, they prepared the soil and planted the garden. They put mulch over the top of it to keep out weeds and put a little white fence around it so people would not walk in it. Now we are waiting for it to grow!

For more practice with flowers and plants, we went to Parkview Manor Nursing Home and planted flowers outside for them. We planted annuals in gardens and planters, weeded existing gardens, mulched, and generally beautified the patio area.

As you can see, JSTC Middle School students have been very busy! Hopefully, we will be well prepared to work in the greenhouse next school year. We are really looking forward to it!

High School Job Skills Training Center students have also been busy! We have been working very hard trying to prepare The Stellar Cellar for its opening. The students have found that it takes patience and commitment to accomplish such a task.

They have painted, scrubbed, problem-solved, moved, packed, sorted, hauled, identified, categorized, planned, made decisions, and organized - to name just a few of the skills they have used. They are very proud of the work they have done and can't wait to show it off.

A few of Scotty Zwicker's art classes have assisted us in making the store the best it can be. They have done some beautiful artwork on our walls. You won't miss it when you visit The Stellar Cellar.

The Stellar Cellar will open for business for one day this school year. Watch for more advertising for that special day. We will be open one day for a "sneak preview" of what's to come next fall, and we will then have our "Grand Opening" celebration once school has begun.

Some JSTC high school students have also learned very basic skills involved in plant care. They have assisted Middle School students with some of their projects involving plants.

Students have also been developing some skills related to cleaning. Our student teacher, Grace Wilken-Yoder worked with students cleaning one of the pods in the dorm. Safety, reading and following a schedule, patience, accuracy, efficiency, and working until a job is complete were just some of the skills they practiced.

The high school JSTC students have worked hard this semester and deserve a pat on the back. With all the skills practiced this school year, next year promises to be even better.

Student Life Employees of the Month for May

by Matt Krueger and Yvonne Catt

We hope that you would join us in congratulating the following Employees of the Month:

Fair Hall	**Hazel Carter**
Koob Hall	**Holly Chadwick**
Raney & Willard Halls	**Damita Bond**

General information & dates from the Educational Department

from Linda Lloyd, Principal

Orientation:

Nursery School to Preschool - the morning of May 21
Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten - the morning of May 21
5th Grade to 6th Grade - the morning of May 22
8th Grade to 9th Grade - the morning of May 28

(This information will be shared with parents via department newsletters.)

Athletic Banquets:

Middle School: June 4, 1998 at 5:00 p.m., Brown Cafeteria
High School : May 28, 1998 at 5:00 p.m., Brown Cafeteria with speaker Mike Stultz

Awards:

Elementary: June 4, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., Elementary Gym
Middle School: June 5, 1998 at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Caskey
High School: May 29, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Caskey

Graduation:

Preschool: May 29, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., Preschool Gym, with speaker Debbie Fetzer
Elementary: June 5, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., Elementary Gym, with speaker Brian Bippus
Middle School: June 5, 1998 at 11:00 a.m., Caskey Gym, with speaker Ann Reifel
High School: May 29, 1998 at 1:00 p.m., Caskey Gym, with speaker Greg Gantt

Farewell, good friends

from DeNada Smith

BESTSELLING AUTHOR STEPHEN R. Covey writes, "The greatest fulfillment in improving ourselves comes in our empowerment to more effectively reach out and help others."

To all my dear friends here at ISD I just want to express my sincere heartfelt farewells to everyone who has impacted my life in the five years ISD has been my home away from home.

I came here not knowing what to expect and was accepted with open arms and friendly smiles. Everyone was so helpful and kind and my heart truly breaks knowing that I will be leaving so many friends.

Farewell to my boss, George Stailey, who has never been too busy to open his door to me. He has been the truest of confidants.

And farewell to all of my prayer partners. I just wanted to let you know that I would not be here today if not for your prayers back in 1993 when I had my surgery for breast cancer.

In closing, I want to say that I have grown both in character and strength. Whatever life has for me, I will always remember everyone who has had a positive affect on my life.

God Bless each of you richly, and forever let his shining grace abide upon ISD.

Pre-Retirement Training

by Mary Alice Moon

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE FREE STATE TRAINING ON PRE Retirement training done right here on our campus. It will be held in the Vocational Conference Room on Tuesday, June 9, from 8:30 – 4:30. A note will be sent to all of those people who signed up prior to having a date established. If you do not get a confirmation note from me by Friday, May 15, and would like to attend, please send me a note so you can be included on the list.

Outreach staff statistics for 1997-98

As of May 11, 1998

by Judy Cass and Donna Stutler

Outside Consultations	710	Student Counseling Groups	13 on-going sesssions
Consultations with Staff or Parents	549		
Presentations Given	28	Tours:	
Case Conference Conducted	405	Professional	46
Triennials	74	Families	76
Off Campus Assessments	49	First Step Meetings Attended	8
Information Packets Sent	132	First Step Referrals	29
Outside Audiology Testing	157	Phone Calls for Parent Infant Program	158

NOTES:

- We have been requested by public schools in the states of Missouri and Michigan to provide psychological and ASL assessments in the student's natural environment, which we could not accommodate.
- We have had seven (7) student from Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Missouri travel to ISD for psychological and ASL assessments.

The following groups were facilitated by the counseling team. The counseling team consists of staff members which include Mike McGeath, Cathy Pardee, and Ruth Asher-Lynch.

- Middle School new student group
- High School new student group
- 6th grade transition group
- Middle School girl's group
- Middle School boy's group
- Freshman Girl's group
- Anger Management group
- Social Skills group-Elementary
- Good Touch/Bad Touch —Elementary and some Middle School students
- Sex Ed discussion groups in High School
- Harassment groups with Freshman and Sophomore boys
- Relationship building group with Elementary, Middle School and High School

The four support staff, which includes Kim VanZuilen, Marty Fisk, Joyce Conner and Donna Stutler kept a tally of how many phone calls were taken within a one week period in March. The following calls were tallied:

Outgoing 209 Incoming 356 Total 565

If you have any questions regarding these statistics, please contact the Outreach Director's office at (317) 920-6311 TTY/V. Thank you.

Team ISD and the Mini-Marathon:

(The good, the bad, & the ugly)

by Mary Mueller

The members of Team ISD bravely endured Indianapolis' Mini-Marathon on May 1, 1998. Everything (and everyone) was *looking* good when we arrived, but that's hard to prove; our camera battery was dead. Luckily, a kind-hearted runner offered to photograph the beautiful team. The good continues.

But the weather looked bad when we prepared to line up for the 9:02 a.m. start. At 8:15, a chilly breeze brought a light drizzle. Soon, dark clouds rolled in. Bad turned to ugly at 9:15, when it began to rain. And rain. It POURED, with no hope of stopping any time soon.

But nothing stopped the good members of Team ISD! Congratulations to Brian Collins, Mike Jackson, Kris Kohlman, Lindsey Kirch, Gretchen Krug, Mandy Mueller, Brenda Nicodemus, and student Corey Stapp.

According to Team ISD members, there's nothing "mini" about a 13.1 mile mini-marathon. But all team members achieved their personal goals and were able to hobble about unassisted while searching for cookies at the finish line.

Team ISD: (Front) Lindsey Kirch, Mandy Mueller, and Brenda Nicodemus. (Back) Corey Stapp, BJ Collins, KrisKohlman, Mike Jackson, and Gretchen Krug

The total amount pledged was $700, which will be donated to the Student Life and Education departments. Thanks to everyone who supported us with their cheers, and encouragement, and especially to the 133 people who pledged money toward our efforts. A special thanks to Blossom Chevrolet for their GENEROUS donation in support of ISD.

WPSD staff visits ISD

by Diane Hazel-Jones

Nine staff members, including superintendent Don Rhoten and former ISD supervising teacher Mary Glenn (Cullison) Rinne, spent all day observing various ISD programs and discussing them with some of our own staff.

While they were greatly concerned with the general transition issues of how to "let go of the old," they were specifically concerned with how WPSD should "sell" the establishment of a bilingual/bicultural program to parents and staff. They needed to know how to answer difficult questions about why ASL is important and what the role of speech and audition should be. They were also especially interested in knowing how deaf and hearing teams worked together in home visits.

Our staff shared some history and our personal journeys through the whole process of moving toward bilingualism/biculturalism. The WPSD staff, in turn, discussed their beliefs, barriers, and fears. They reached one milestone while here: it was the first time that they had not used simultaneous communication.

We wish WPSD luck on their journey toward forming a bi/bi school! Perhaps we will be able to visit them to see their progress in the near future.

As a thank-you gesture, the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf presented a monetary donation to ISD.

1998 CSSD Track Results

from Brian Rippus

	Girls		Boys	
Champions	Indiana	107	Indiana	172
2nd Place	Illinois	104	Wisconsin	75
3rd Place	Michigan	6	Illinois	54
4th Place	Ohio	2	Michigan	18
5th Place	---		Ohio	7

Three girls' and 7 boys' records were broken and all were done by our athletes!

Name	State	Event	New Record	Old Record
DuWycia Wilson	Indiana	Discus	125'5"	108'
Valerie Sharer	Indiana	110m Hurdles	17.44	18.15
Valerie Sharer	Indiana	400m Dash	1:05.5	1:07.6
Johnny Mazurkiewicz	Indiana	Discus	127'11"	125'6"
Rodney Lewis	Indiana	Long Jump	21'6"	21'4"
Waymon Watkins	Indiana	110m Hurdles	15.1	16.5
David Webster	Indiana	400m Dash	50.1	52.8
Waymon Watkins	Indiana	300m Hurdles	42.1	42.5
Adam Weiser	Indiana	3200m Run	11:14.8	11:05.4
Eugene King, Lewis Watkins, David Webster	Indiana	1600m Relay	3:36.2	3:45.3

Coaching Positions open for school year 1198-99

by Brian Rippus

If you are interested (or want to suggest somebody who might be) in one of the following positions, please call the Athletics office at 317-920-6321 TTY.

Varsity football coach (2)
Middle School football assistant coach (2)
Middle School volleyball coach
Varsity girls' basketball head coach
Varsity boys' track assistant coach